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Cc: Rep. Wood, Kerry; Sen. Lesser, Matthew
Subject: 2022 SB 16 - AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME

Hello members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing today to express my **opposition** to S.B. 16 and H.B. 5416 and the changes proposed in regard to firearms. I respect and understand the urge to protect our communities from malicious gun violence but it feels like these changes are another step towards infringement on our second amendment rights as lawful gun owners and will lessen our ability to protect ourselves, *rather than stopping the unlawful offenders*. I was raised a boy scout and I'm very mechanically inclined and I was trained at a young age to be prepared including training on how to safely handle a variety of firearms. Now as an adult my friends, family and myself enjoy the recreational use of firearms and rely on them to protect us against potential threats of violence in our lives. We've heard the phrase time and time again, *"If you take the guns away from good guys, only the bad guys will have guns."* Enacting more restrictions on what types of firearms we are allowed to lawfully purchase and where we are allowed to carry them, further opens the door for acts of violent criminals against innocent people to go unstopped. Additionally, restricting access to certain components and other required accessories dilutes the safe handling, enjoyment and freedom of individuals who want to become proficient in the use of these firearms for self defense or recreational use. Lastly, if I am understanding this correctly, banning the transfer/sale of "Assault weapons" within the state effectively makes firearms in this category worthless, because owners cannot ever sell them. It's for these reasons I ask that you please join me in **opposition** to SB16 and HB5416.

Furthermore, I **support** SB No. 388 -An act concerning the defense of a person or a persons dwelling, place of work or motor vehicle.

I **support** HB No. 5415 -To allow the legal transfer of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.

I **support** HB No. 5412 -An act concerning the duty to retreat in a religious house of worship.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my point of view.
Respectfully,

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